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CMP:Seminar "OPPRESSED PEOPLES"

Report of the first preparation group's meeting
Brussels,Dec. 11,1987

Present:

Maria Hartl (Eur.Secretary)
Niklaus Liggendorfer (CFD-CH)
Rui Gomes (MCP-P)
Michaela Cecchini(EYC)
René Raindorf (MCP-B)

Absent:Monica ?? (problems of coordination) MCP-I

DATES : Although initially planned to go from 23 to 30 of April, 1987,Maria pointed out that it would be desireable if it could start one day earlier in order to facilitate the participation of people who work,thus enabling them to pass the whole weekend at the seminar, since the first and last days are for the arrival and departure of participants.Michaela thinks it might be possible.

PURPOSES OF THE SEMINAR To inform,prepare and motivate peole for the problems of the peoples'problems (those under analisys),to exchange ideas and ways of sclidarity,more than a meeting place for people who are already deep into the subject.

PARTICIPANTS'PROFILE Given those purposes ,the participants must be persons (preferably young) who are already doing solidarity work in their branches,or are interested in doing it in the future. participants should have some knowledge and prearation of the problems in discussion.After the inscriptions are received there will be sent them a file with information,profiting from publications already existing in french/english or newspapers.Anyway,participants shall be encouraged to investigate by themselves.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: Thought in the beggining for 32 persons ,efforts will be made to see whether or not it will be possible to extend that number to 35 (including the preparation team).Given the facilities of the EYC and reimboursement sums available,it was possible to make a provisional distribution of participants by country as follows -- FRG -3;CH-3;B-4;NL-2;F-3;GB-3;I-3; Sp.-2; M-2;Sahara-1;Palestina-2;Zimbabwe-1;Philippines-1;Canada-1.

Portugal?

CONTENTS OF THE SEMINAR Strictly related with its purposes, and having also in mind that it is inserted in the context of the "North-SouthInterdependance"campaign of the CE;the seminar is envi-

sioned not only to provide information to the participants but also and mainly to stimulate their reflexion and participation in creative ways.Thus,long academic speeches are to be avoided,the experts being requested to set and focus just the main aspects or the general contexts and concepts under analisys,leaving the groups the task to go deeper into the problems through contacts with refugees and the information stands.

Cases to be studied Given the fact that oppressed people throughout the world are countless,their oppression havin g different roots (from internal to external) and dimensions,and due to the fact that it is not possible to go throughout all of them in a seminar as this ,a focus will be given to situations which the CMP branches deal with regularly: West Sahara,Palestina ,South Africa/ /Namibia and East Timor.These are caeses that in a way all result from colonialism and to whose peoples the right to self-determination has been denied throughout the years.The cases of the Tamiles and the Eritreans may also be considered on a smaller basis.

At the beginning ,however,it will be given the participants the opportunity to discover and point out other cases of peoples victims of oppression and repression,this way enhancing the fact the four ones we're takingare only a small part of a long list,as parts of a whole world of violence and exploitation.

Working structure There will be three main guidelinesfor the seminar. 1- the presentation of the four conflict situations;2-the responsabilities and responses of the west-european countries towards those problems;3-the work of the solidarity movements and its perspectives.To set those problems in a general concept experts will first make a general ,and brief,approach on the peoples'rights and, later on,at the causes and ways of oppression.

During the presentation of the cases themselves,the use of audio-visual materials (profiting from the EYC's facilities)and information/doccumentation stands is to be given a priviledge.

Finally it was set this provisional program for the seminar:

Friday,22nd - Arrival of participants

Saturday,23rd

9:30h INTRODUCTION

Presentation of the seminarand of the North-South campaign.

Presentation of the participants through a game with slides.

Presentation of the European Youth Center.

Visit to the EYC.

14:30- Integration of participants into the group,simulation game.

16:30 - Evaluation of the game..

EVENING - "From continent to continent" ,discovery and identification of oppressed people in the world by drawing of countries and continents,placing and lighting a candle for each people.

Sunday,24th

9:15 - Meditation (optional)

9:30 - Plenary "The rights of the peoples" by Elisabeth Baürmich.Group discussion.

11:00 - Input from the groups-questions and discussion in the plenary.

14:30 - Presentation of a people's case - I
WEST-SAHARA,including the testimony of a womanfrom W. Sahara.

16:30 - People's case II: PALESTINA
Film on Sabra and Chatila
Testimony from two palestinians (one a woman)
EVENING - Creative theatre- sketches with/on refugees

Sunday ? Monday.25th

9:30 - People's case III - EAST-TIMOR
Luîsa Teotônio Pereira
Video report(?)/slides
Refugee's testimony

11:00 - People's case IV SOUTH-AFRICA/NAMIBIA++
Paul Vanbergen
Representant from SWAPO
Video(?)

++Depending on Mr Vanbergen disponibility it may subject to a change with Palestina.

12:30- Provocation Lunch

14:30 - Visit to Strsbourg - diner in town(optional)

Monday ? Tuesday,26th

9:30 - Plenary- "Causes and ways of oppression",general topics on the consequences of colonialism and the present economic system,by Luîsa Teotônio Pereira.
--Questions and clarifications.

Michaela - Articles in "Le Monde Diplomatique";poosibility of covering the expenses with visas by the EYC;contact with Jos Lemmers,simulation game.

NEXT MEETING _- February 24th (wednesday)in place to confirm (Bern or Strsbourg).

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beginnin of the seminar : Friday, 22 April 87
end of the seminar/departure : Friday, 29 April 87